(c) the location-wise details of land in respect of which action could not be initiated to remove the encroachments due to the title of land being subject matter in dispute in mations courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Elections in Jammu and Kashmir

4795. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that polls in Jammu and Kashmir are likely to be held before 17th July;

(b) whether the ground reality permits polls to be held before the expiry of President's Rule in the State; and

(c) whether the National Conference has agreed to cooperate in the conduct of elections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (c) President's Rule in the State of Jammu and Kashmir can presently extend till 17th July 1995. The Government is keen to restore democratic institutions in the State through the process of free and fair elections at the earliest.

To create conditions conducive to normalisation and the restoration of the democratic institutions in the State, a number of steps have been taken. These include: sustained and targetted opertions to contain the activities of the militants and reduce the fear of the gun; stepping up the pace of development and economic activities in the State; reactivation of the civil administration and restoring its morale; restoration of the confidence of the people in and enlisting their cooperation with the administration; reactivation of the political elements in the State; and encouragement to the people to strengthen the peace process through confidence building measures, including release of detenues, etc.

These efforts are being closely monitored, and the Government intends to pursue them intensively. Simultaneously, the procedural aspects pertaining to the electoral process are also being attended to. The delimitation of constituencies and the revision of the voter's list have been taken up by the Election Commission.

The situation will be kept continuously under review and a final decision about the precise timing of the elections will be taken at the appropriate time.

The Government has been consulting the leaders of various political parties.

Action against Anti-National Officers in Jammu and Kashmir

4796. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news published in the 'Dainik Jagran' (Hindi) dated the 28th February, 1995 captioned "saboot ke bavajud ghati ke deshdrohi afsaron ke khilaf karyawahi nahi";

(b) whether any enquiry has been held against the officers involved in anti-national activities;

(c) if so, the results of such an enquiry; and

(d) the action taken against such officers and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Training Camps for Militants Operated by Pakistan

4797. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention

has been drawn to the report appearing in the "Statesman" dated January 5, 1995, to the effect that after over a dozen attempts by Pakistan to send in infiltrators across Kupwara sector foiled by Indian troops, Pakistan has shifted militant's training camps from Kupwara to Jammu's soft-border; and

(b) if so, what is Gvernment's latest information about the various "training camps being operated by Pakistan across the borders of Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) Pakistan's efforts to sponsor, aid and abet terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir have continued unabated. For this purpose, it has *inter-alia* established various camps in its territory, and also close to the LOC/ border, to provide: indoctrination; training in handling of sophisticated arms and equipment, and launching and infiltrating misguided kashmiri youth and other fundamentalist terrorist elements into the State. Apart from the pressure of the security forces to prevent infiltration along various routes, the camps are also being frequently shifted from one place to another to avoid detection and to try and maintain deniability. Government is aware of these activities of Pakistan and has constantly urged upon them to desistfrom the same, apart from taking up the matter at the internation/diplomatic level.

Highway connecting Kashmir with the rest of Country

4798. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the highway connecting Kashmir with the rest of the country, though constructed more than fourty years back is still subject to nature's furies thereby cutting off the Valley from mainland;

(b) whether Government propose to replace the present link with an all-weather highway to avoid dislocation in traffic either way and also to strengthen the inseparability of Kashmir from India ;and

(c) if so, by when Government contemplate to move in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government has decided to provide an alternative road link between Jammu & Kashmir in addition to extension of the Jammu-Udhampur Broad Guage Railway line to Srinagar and Baramulla.

Women courts in Delhi

4799. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Questioin 736 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1995 and state the aims and objectives for setting up women's courts in Delhi and elsewhere?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): As per report received from the registry of Delhi High Court, the aims and objectives of these Women Courts, which has a Lady Judges or Magistrate as presiding Officer, and a Lady Additioinal/Assistant Public Prosecutor, is that the women victims of crimes relating to bride burning, atrocities on account of demand of dowry, rape, kidnappings, putrage of modesty etc., may feel more comfortable and confident while making statements and further, these cases would also be expeditiously disposed off.

Reversion of Additional District Judges

4800. DR. SANJAYA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: